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# Webster-Turner friendship worries hard-liners at CIA

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Present and former CIA officials expressed concern yesterday that ties between CIA Director-designate William Webster and former CIA chief Stansfield Turner may signal the beginning of another convulsive era at the agency.

Adm. Turner, as CIA chief from 1977 to 1980, created widespread controversy by firing hundreds of the agency's most experienced clandestine operators.

Later in his memoirs he said the agents were fired to remove a network of entrenched "old boy" CIA operatives. Intelligence sources said the agency lost "thousands of man-years" of experience.

Mr. Webster, a former federal judge, has been consulting Adm. Turner for advice about the CIA and possible personnel changes among senior officials, according to the sources.

At confirmation hearings before the Senate Intelligence Committee yesterday, Mr. Webster, now FBI director, referred to his longstanding friendship with Adm. Turner, the Carter administration's CIA chief, as one reason for the improved relations between the FBI and CIA dur-

ing the late 1970s.

The two agencies once clashed over their respective roles in the spy game. The FBI, as a law enforcement agency, is charged with arresting foreign spies; the CIA has a different approach since it functions as the U.S. espionage agency abroad.

Sources said Mr. Webster befriended Adm. Turner at Amherst College in Massachusetts, where the two were students during the late 1940s.

"Webster and Turner both took over their respective agencies about the same time," one source said. "They're both forged out of the 1970s' environment of intelligence."

U.S. intelligence agencies suffered major setbacks in support and morale during the 1970s as a result of congressional probes.

The anti-intelligence era waned after the CIA's station chief in Athens was murdered by terrorists after he was named in one of the anti-CIA publications flourishing at the time.

The Carter administration recognized the need for better intelligence when the CIA was caught off guard by the 1979 revolution in Iran.

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